(c) Estimated at 59,000 tons of rice; but exact statistics have not been collected.

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ: ഭക്ഷ്യാല്പാദനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി തിരുവിതാംകൂർ–കൊച്ചി ഗവൺമെൻറ് ധാരാളം പുറംപോക്കു സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ഒഴിപ്പിച്ചിടാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. കെ. എം. കോര: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

ADMISSION TO THE MEDICAL COLLEGE

*171. [9] **Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni:** Will the hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state the principles followed in the matter of admission of students to the Medical College, Trivandrum?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):** That question was answered so many times. Yet, I shall answer it again if the hon. Member wants.

Merit of the applicants as revealed by academic performance with due reservation for socially and educationally backward communities. Two-third of the number of students were selected on merit and the remaining number was reserved for communities which are educationally and socially backward, in order to give fuller representation to them than they would have got on merit alone.

In determining merit marks were distributed as follows:

80 per cent for academic attainments and 20 per cent for extra-curricular activities. In assessing academic attainments the main consideration was for the marks obtained by the candidates in Part III of the Intermediate examination. Weightage was also given to First Class or Second Class pass in the B.Sc. or M.Sc. Examinations. In assessing merits for extra-curricular activities the order was:

Proficiency over the Inter-University level,
Proficiency in the University,
Proficiency in the Collegiate level,
Interest in games and physical standards.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: In respect of this admission, may I know whether the Government laid down these principles or these principles were laid down by the Selection Committee?

Sri. C. Kesavan: These principles were laid down by Government.

LEMON GRASS

*172. [10] **Sri. M. Varki:** Will the hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state the nature and scope of the Lemon Grass Research Institute recently opened in the State?

Minister for Industries and Labour **(Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon):** A note containing the nature and scope of the Lemon Grass Research Station is placed on the table.*

Sri. M. Varki: Will any research be conducted to improve the process of distillation by copper stills?

Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon: That is also one of the points for consideration during the research.

ശ്രീ. എ. കെ. പപ്പുപിള്ള: അതുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമാണ് ഈ റിസർച്ച് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് ഉൽഘാടനം ചെയ്തതെന്നു പറയാമോ?

*See Appendix III, pape 322—323.

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